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EXHIBIT: # V.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: James E. Rier, Jr., Acting Commissioner*

DATE: January 15, 2014

SUBJECT: Request from University of Maine Fort Kent for Approval of its Educator Preparation Programs through the spring of 2015.

BACKGROUND:

The University of Maine Fort Kent's Educator Preparation Program was reviewed in the spring of 2010. At that time the Board approved the UMFK educator preparation program through December 31, 2012 and further requested that UMFK prepare an Interim Report addressing the Team's recommendations concerning Standard 1 and Standard 3. In June of 2012 the Board accepted the Interim Report as a plan for implementation of the Team's 2010 recommendations and further requested a report by December 31, 2013 demonstrating implementation of the plan presented in the Interim Report. At the December meeting the Board, extended the UMFK Educator Preparation Program approval through March of 2014 to provide the Board with time to review the UMFK report.

The University of Maine at Fort Kent delivered a report to the Maine DOE describing the actions that UMFK has taken to implement the plan described in the 2012 Interim Report. Maine DOE received and reviewed the UMFK report. The report focuses on the implementation of the Team's recommendations concerning Standard 1, Initial Teacher Candidate Performance and Standard 3, Field Experiences and Clinical Practice. The report provides evidence of actions taken by the University to address the seven recommendations of the State Board and includes appendices with samples of student work and other materials that serve as documentation.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the report from the University of Maine at Fort Kent as evidence of implementation of the plan described in the 2012 Interim Report and that the Board grant program approval for the University of Maine Fort Kent's Educator Preparation Program through spring 2015.

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